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First Place + Publication	Noelle C.	Kelly Yang	McCutchanville Elementary School	Evansville
Second Place + Publication	Alaina S.	Alyson Gerber	New Palestine Intermediate	New Palestine
Third Place + Publication	Tehilla R.	Alan Gratz	Hasten Hebrew Academy	Indianapolis
Honorable Mention + Publication	Elle E.	Chris Colfer	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Honorable Mention + Publication	Aedan H.	J. R. R. Tolkien	Notre Dame Catholic School	Michigan City
Honorable Mention + Publication	Annabel.	Shel Silverstein	Mary Evelyn Castle Elementary	Indianapolis
Honorable Mention + Publication	Mercy L.	Jasmine Warga	Forest Dale Elementary	Carmel
Honorable Mention + Publication	Emerson P.	Sharon Draper	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Honorable Mention + Publication	Mary K. S.	Joan Bauer	Notre Dame Catholic School	Michigan City
Honorable Mention + Publication	Caroline S.	Veera Hiranandani	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Publication	Samar A.	O. T. Nelson	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Publication	Bryson B.	Charles London	Laurel Elementary School	Laurel
Publication	Allison B.	R. J. Palacio	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Publication	Marcella B.	Kelly Yang	Thorpe Creek Elementary	Fishers
Publication	Ayden C.	John Boyne	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Publication	Graci C.	Emily Ley	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Publication	Noah C.	Mac Barnett	Yorktown Elementary	Yorktown
Publication	Ellie D.	Angie Thomas	New Palestine Intermediate	New Palestine
Publication	Alanah F.	India Hill Brown	Mary Evelyn Castle Elementary	Indianapolis
Publication	Grace G.	Rob Buyea	Fall Creek Intermediate	Fishers
Publication	Maryn G.	Raina Telgemeier	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Publication	Shlomo G.	David Macaulay	Hasten Hebrew Academy	Indianapolis
Publication	Josephine G.	Veera Hiranandani	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Publication	Jameson H.	Nic Stone	Crestview Elementary	Indianapolis
Publication	Brock H.	Lois Lowry	New Palestine Intermediate	New Palestine
Publication	Katy H.	Sharon Draper	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Publication	Lauren K.	K. A. Holt	Fall Creek Intermediate	Fishers
Publication	Juliet M.	Dusti Bowling	Forest Dale Elementary	Fishers
Publication	Charlie N.	Lynn Plourde	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville

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Publication	Dhanush P.	Dan Smith	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville
Publication	Annabelle P.	Elizabeth Gilbert	Lincoln Elementary	Warsaw
Publication	Charlee P.	Carrie Newcomer	Eminence Elementary	Eminence
Publication	Hazel P.	Margaret Peterson Haddix	North Liberty Elementary School	North Liberty
Publication	Madilynn S.	Catherine Ryan Hyde	Fall Creek Intermediate	Fishers
Publication	Zalman S.	Rodman Philbrick	Hasten Hebrew Academy	Indianapolis
Publication	Kendra S.	Gordon Korman	Hattie B. Stokes Elementary	Lebanon
Publication	Eve S.	Ann M. Martin	Brooks School Elementary	Fishers
Publication	Chloe T.	Varadarjan, Gita et al.	Fall Creek Intermediate	Fishers
Publication	Max T.	Alan Gratz	Fall Creek Intermediate	Fishers
Publication	Maggie W.	Greta Thurnberg	IPS: Center for Inquiry, School 84	Indianapolis
Publication	Brooklyn W.	Kelly Yang	Zionsville Middle School	Zionsville

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Publication	Jameson H.	Nic Stone	Crestview Elementary	Indianapolis
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Publication	Lauren K.	K. A. Holt	Fall Creek Intermediate	Fishers
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Place	Student	Author	School	Town
First Place + Publication	Melani B.	Alan Gratz	Jasper Middle School	Jasper
Second Place + Publication	Chaya S.	Shevy Schottenstein	Hasten Hebrew Academy	Indianapolis
Third Place + Publication	Yashika M.	Jewell Parker Rhodes	Central Middle School	Columbus
Indiana Author Letter Prize	Jack E.	Ernie Pyle	Notre Dame Catholic School	Michigan City
Honorable Mention + Publication	Ryann A.	Rick Riordan	St. James Catholic School	Haubstadt
Honorable Mention + Publication	Anushka D.	Sharon Draper	Central Middle School	Columbus
Honorable Mention + Publication	Aviya M.	Jerry Craft	Hasten Hebrew Academy	Indianapolis
Honorable Mention + Publication	Lea R.	J. K. Rowling	Jasper Middle School	Jasper
Honorable Mention + Publication	Kara S.	Nic Stone	Southridge Middle School	Huntingburg
Honorable Mention + Publication	Elaine Z.	Alan Gratz	West Lafayette Jr/Sr High School	West Lafayette
Publication	Naomi C.	Rabbi Ahron Margalit	Hasten Hebrew Academy	Indianapolis
Publication	Salsri D.	R. J. Palacio	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Gabriella D.	Suzanne Collins	Wisdom Builders	Indianapolis
Publication	Leah D.	Manon Rheaume	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Jocelyn D.	Kobe Bryant	Southridge Middle School	Huntingburg
Publication	Connor F.	Stephen King	Jasper Middle School	Jasper
Publication	Landrey F.	Nicholas Sparks	Jasper Middle School	Jasper
Publication	Rikki F.	Cynthia Lord	Hasten Hebrew Academy	Indianapolis
Publication	Marinn F.	Michael Grant	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Marley H.	K. A. Holt	Jasper Middle School	Jasper
Publication	Anna H.	Antoine de Saint-Exupery	West Lafayette Jr/Sr High School	West Lafayette
Publication	Alexis K.	Curtis Sittenfeld	Hasten Hebrew Academy	Indianapolis
Publication	Layton M.	Whittier Whittier	Triton Central Middle School	Fairland
Publication	Tori N.	R. J. Palacio	Triton Central Middle School	Fairland
Publication	Gourav P.	Chris Colfer	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Atharv P.	John F. Kennedy	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Emma P.	Sharon Draper	Jasper Middle School	Jasper
Publication	Aya S.	R. J. Palacio	Central Middle School	Columbus

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Publication	Kinzey S.	Ashley Rhodes-Courter	Jasper Middle School	Jasper
Publication	Liliana S.	Elizabeth Acevedo	Jasper Middle School	Jasper
Publication	Arwyn T.	Rachael Lippincott	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Kalea U.	Dan Gutman	Jasper Middle School	Jasper
Publication	Luis V.	Tara Westover	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Wanting W.	Anders Ericsson	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Zoie W.	Leslea Newman	Jasper Middle School	Jasper

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Honorable Mention + Publication	Anushka D.	Sharon Draper	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Salsri D.	R. J. Palacio	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Leah D.	Manon Rheaume	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Marinn F.	Michael Grant	Central Middle School	Columbus
Third Place + Publication	Yashika M.	Jewell Parker Rhodes	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Gourav P.	Chris Colfer	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Atharv P.	John F. Kennedy	Central Middle School	Columbus
Publication	Aya S.	R. J. Palacio	Central Middle School	Columbus
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Publication	Tori N.	R. J. Palacio	Triton Central Middle School	Fairland
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First Place + Publication	Badreddine B.	George M. Johnson	Wheeler High School	Valparaiso
Second Place + Publication	Olivia T.	Lane Smith	Illiana Christian High School	Dyer
Third Place + Publication	Rachel L.	Cesar Chavez	West Lafayette Jr/Sr High School	West Lafayette
Honorable Mention + Publication	Leo A.	J. D. Salinger	Forest Park High School	Ferdinand
Honorable Mention + Publication	Rachel B.	Becky Albertalli	Illiana Christian High School	Dyer
Honorable Mention + Publication	Sreepadaarchana M.	Gwendolyn Bennett	Columbus North High School	Columbus
Honorable Mention + Publication	Lucy V.	Rick Riordan	St. Joseph High School	South Bend
Honorable Mention + Publication	Jacob V.	Graham Greene	Illiana Christian High School	Dyer
Honorable Mention + Publication	Kylee W.	Rick Riordan	Oldenburg Academy	Oldenburg
Publication	Reagan B.	Roald Dahl	Northwestern High School	Kokomo
Publication	Ella B.	Raina Telgemeier	Northwestern High School	Kokomo
Publication	Grace C.	Amy Tan	Bloomington High School South	Bloomington
Publication	Alex C.	Dalton Trumbo	Franklin County High School	Brookville
Publication	Cooper D.	John Green	Northwestern High School	Kokomo
Publication	Luke D.	Leo Tolstoy	Franklin Central High School	Indianapolis
Publication	Valerie D.	Don Freeman	Illiana Christian High School	Dyer
Publication	Jaquelin E.	Cassandra Clare	Christel House Academy	Indianapolis
Publication	Lexie F.	Catherine Marshall	Northwestern High School	Kokomo
Publication	Hannah G.	Sarah Crossan	Franklin County High School	Brookville
Publication	Alexandra H.	John Green	Northwestern High School	Kokomo
Publication	Elizabeth H.	Sharon Draper	Franklin County High School	Brookville
Publication	Lauren K.	Denny Downham	Franklin County High School	Brookville
Publication	Bethany L.	Sharon Draper	Northwestern High School	Kokomo
Publication	Hannah M.	Ginny Rorby	Northwestern High School	Kokomo
Publication	Emma O.	Lynn Peterson	Illiana Christian High School	Dyer
Publication	Shannon S.	Anthony Doerr	Franklin County High School	Brookville
Publication	Evan S.	Gary Paulsen	Northwestern High School	Kokomo
Publication	Mayli Y.	Sharon Draper	Northwestern High School	Kokomo
Publication	Olivia Y.	Chris Colfer	Illiana Christian High School	Dyer

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Honorable Mention + Publication	Sreepadaarchana M.	Gwendolyn Bennett	Columbus North High School	Columbus
Publication	Jaquelin E.	Cassandra Clare	Christel House Academy	Indianapolis
Honorable Mention + Publication	Leo A.	J. D. Salinger	Forest Park High School	Ferdinand
Publication	Luke D.	Leo Tolstoy	Franklin Central High School	Indianapolis
Publication	Alex C.	Dalton Trumbo	Franklin County High School	Brookville
Publication	Hannah G.	Sarah Crossan	Franklin County High School	Brookville
Publication	Elizabeth H.	Sharon Draper	Franklin County High School	Brookville
Publication	Lauren K.	Denny Downham	Franklin County High School	Brookville
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Honorable Mention + Publication	Rachel B.	Becky Albertalli	Illiana Christian High School	Dyer
Publication	Valerie D.	Don Freeman	Illiana Christian High School	Dyer
Publication	Emma O.	Lynn Peterson	Illiana Christian High School	Dyer
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Honorable Mention + Publication	Jacob V.	Graham Greene	Illiana Christian High School	Dyer
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